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## Memorial Day march scheduled

A number of events will be held in Arlington on Monday in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Town offices, schools and post offices will be closed on Monday. Mount Pleasant Cemetery will hold special hours following the parade.

The Advocate will also be closed on Monday and all deadlines have been moved to Friday, May 26. No press releases will be accepted after 5 p.m., tomorrow.

### Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Mount Pleasant Cemetery will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with the exception of Memorial Day, May 29, when the gates will not be open until 11:30 a.m. because of the parade honoring the Veterans interred at Mount Pleasant.

Flowers placed on grave sites will be removed approximately 10 days after the holiday by cemetery personnel. It is advised that persons visiting gravesites lock automobiles and be careful of purses, as thefts have been reported in previous years, cemetery officials said.

### Post Office hours

Area residents are advised that all post offices will be closed and there will be no regular mail delivery on Monday, May 29.

Special Delivery and Express Mail will be delivered on the holiday. Collection boxes will be picked up according to holiday collection schedules.

Customers are reminded that 24-hour service, seven days a week, is available at Self-Service Postal Centers located in the lobby of the Boston General Mail Facility, 25 Dorchester Ave., Boston and at the Middlesex-Essex General Mail Facility, 462 Washington St., Woburn.

### Memorial Day parade

The town of Arlington will observe Memorial Day, Monday May 29. The following is an itinerary of the day's events:

The Memorial Day Parade will form on Mass. Avenue at Adams and Andrew streets at 9 a.m. It will start at 9:30 a.m.; rain or shine, organizers said.

The route will be: Mass. Avenue to Civil War Monument and Veterans' Memorial at junction of Broadway and Mass. Avenue, where services will be conducted.

First there will be invocation by Mark Tremblay, chaplain, D.A.V. Chapter 49; followed by the flag ceremony — volly and raising of colors; placing of wreath — gold star mother address — Representative Robert A. Havern III; prayer — John E. McGreevy, chaplain, American Legion Post No. 39; firing party — Stanley Benner Detachment Marine Corps League; taps.

The parade will reform and continue on Medford Street into Mount Pleasant Cemetery to the G.A.R. and Spanish American War lot, where services will be conducted.

There will be a prayer by John D. Sullivan, P.C. American Legion Post No. 39; a placing of wreath by Charles W. Pigott, honorary grand marshall and Clarence Marsh, past department commander World War I will give an address and then firing party and taps.

The organizations will remain in parade order on roadway with the exception of those participating in the exercise.

The parade will reform and continue to the W.W.I, W.W.II, Korean Veterans' lots where prayers will be offered and services conducted.

(See HOLIDAY, page 2A)

## Senior Center's future still cloudy

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE  
Advocate Assistant Editor

Life at Arlington's Multi purpose Senior Center is unsettled and will stay that way until at least the middle of June.

Not only have severe budget cuts left some services at risk, but the center, housed in the first two floors of the Central School, is faced with renegotiating its lease.

The Council on Aging budget sustained \$38,732 in cuts which could cost the services of the visiting nurses program.

Several different times during this year's Town Meeting (which ended last Wednesday), Town Meeting member Harry McCabe, precinct 21, tried to amend and article or

'Apparently one person interpreted my discussion of options as an edict from me. I just don't function that way.'

Allan McClenen  
Director of Planning and Community Development

institute a substitute motion to reinstate the cut \$38,732.

\$38,732 is the amount the Council on Aging would get in the event of a June 10th Proposition 2½ override, leading to questions (at Town Meeting) of senior citizen support of the override and the prioritization of the funds cut

from the senior services. Senior citizens have traditionally opposed overrides.

None of McCabe's attempts to reinstate the funds were successful, leaving the Council on Aging to find new ways of raising and spending money.

Town Meeting budget talks and the expira-

tion of the Senior Center's three-year lease coincided, creating confusion and prompting McCabe to question Director of Planning and Community Development Alan McClenen Jr.'s motives for a recent meeting with the Arlington Senior Association, which was created in the early 1980s to establish the Senior Center.

McClenen said the meeting on May 16 (the day before Town Meeting 1989 was completed) his first with the board of the Senior Center since the issue of the lease needed addressing, was held to discuss the lease and review the range of options that would allow the center to function even with the tightening financial situation.

(See SENIOR, page 6A)

## McCarthy wins AHS job offer

### Principal's post

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE  
Advocate Assistant Editor

The year long search for a new principal for Arlington High School culminated Tuesday night with the acceptance of Superintendent Walter Devine's recommendation to hire Charles J. McCarthy Jr.

He is the current principal of Peabody Veterans Memorial High School with 22 years of experience in the education business.

The search began last fall after former Principal Stephen Dillot resigned to become the assistant superintendent of curriculum in the Westborough school system. Dillot served as Arlington High School principal for four years.

Former assistant principal Harold Fairbanks has been serving as acting principal since Dillot left last September.

The educational consulting firm NESDEQ was chosen to help in the search for a new principal.

Following guidelines established by the School Committee, NESDEQ first advertised the position and then recommended nine candidates to a local screening committee.

The 11 member committee interviewed the candidates April 27 and 28 and then recommended three finalists: Joseph Barnes, an assistant principal at Hopkinton Junior Senior High School; Joan Carr, a housemaster at Lincoln Sudbury High School with 13 years of experience in the Boston public school system, and McCarthy.

Last week, the three visited the high school and met with teachers, staff, and students.

At Tuesday's meeting, School Committee members interviewed each of the three final candidates individually for approximately 45 minutes each before hearing Devine's recommendation.

The questions, the same for each candidate, focused on overcoming budget restraints, low staff moral, and long range planning for the education system.

(See MCCARTHY, page 6A)

## Quoth the cuckoo 'Nevermore'?

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE  
Advocate Assistant Editor

Bird watchers will note that once again the cuckoos have left the corner of Lake Street and Mass Avenue.

About three weeks ago the saga of the audible signals, installed to aid sight-impaired people in crossing the dangerous intersection, took another turn: the cuckoo noises were silenced after an area resident developed medical problems aggravated by the constant tweeting.

Several weeks ago, the Board of Selectmen received a communication from the woman asking if the cuckoo noises could be turned down to relieve the stress they were causing her. Her letter was accompanied by a note from her medical doctor.

Unfortunately, the cuckoos were already turned down as low as they could go. So, at the recommendation of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (which originally suggested installing the audible signals), the bird noises were silenced.

The signals were not removed, however, just turned off pending further direction from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, according to Director of Police Services John F. Carroll.

"We're waiting for word from the Mass. Commission for the Blind," said Carroll. "We put them up at the suggestion of the commission, and we've been following the guidelines of the commission. The decision to disconnect [the signals] was made by the commission."

The ups and downs of the audible signals began around Labor Day when the original audible signals were installed.

Within two weeks the bells were removed. The selectmen's office had been inundated with letters, phone calls, and petitions complaining that the new audible signals, though commendable in intent, were a night (See CUCKOOS, page 6A)

## Regent set for reopening

After a hiatus of nearly five months and some minor renovations, the Regent Theatre will reopen its doors tomorrow night.

Fraiman Enterprises, the former owners, moved out when rents rose sharply. Richard Sacco assumed management.

Sacco requested an entertainment license from the Board of Selectmen but was refused because it is the town's policy not to give blanket entertainment approval, but to issue permits individually for each performance.

There also was a proposal earlier this year by an outside group to buy the building and renovate it extensively for use as a live theater. That proposal fell through, according to the prospective buyers, after Sacco refused their offer of a reported \$1.2 million.

Since that time, the theater had remained boarded up and vacant.

By Tuesday, Sacco had received the necessary approval from the town's fire and building departments after minor changes were made to the structure, according to documents from the selectmen's office.

Earlier this week, crews worked on the Medford Street building, painting the upper floor and getting things ready for the opening.

Out front, the marquee has (See REGENT, page 6A)

## A helping foot



Kenny Starde, 6, finds a unique way to serve water to his friend Jessica Slocomb, 6, on a hot dry Thursday last week. (George C. Ferrar photo)

## Citizens sound off on tax-override question

By ANNE-MARIE SELTZER  
Special to The Advocate

In a special town-wide referendum on June 10, Arlington residents will vote to support or reject a one-time override of Proposition 2½, which limits the annual increase of property tax revenue to 2½.

If passed, Question 1 will permit the Town of Arlington to assess \$2,269,528 in real estate and personal property taxes for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1989. A "No" vote on Question 1 will reject the one-time tax increase.

According to information supplied by the "Keep Arlington, Arlington Comm." the tax increase would cost the average homeowner about \$12 per month, and would fund operating expenses for the town and the schools. The referendum does not repeal Proposition 2½.

How do the residents of Arlington feel about paying additional taxes during the next fiscal year? On May 18, the Advocate questioned approximately 30 residents at random in Arlington Center. Fourteen of them declined to comment. The remarks of the 16 who participated in our informal survey are printed below.



Marie Wright

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE ON JUNE 10?

Marie Wright, Chestnut Street:

"I am going to vote 'yes.' I have a son who is in the Arlington Public Schools, and he is very concerned about what is going to happen to the



George J. Walker III

school system if more funds are not made available. I've lived in the town most of my life and I'd like to see it stay the way it is."

George J. Walker III, Harvard Street:

"Undecided right now. I've just

lived here a year. I'm happy with the way the town is being run so far."

Susan MacMillian, Lombard Terrace:

"I plan to hopefully override Proposition 2½. I think the libraries need money and for both children and older citizens the libraries really contribute to the community. Also, we need to upkeep the schools."

Oiga Baloueff, Park Avenue:

"I will vote for the override, mainly because of the schools and safety. I have two children in schools here."

Kay Maytum, Mass. Avenue:

"I will vote yes because we need more money for libraries and school aids and things like that."

Cindy Sawtell, Viking Court:

"I'm undecided. I have to discover the issues. I think the town is being well run at this point, but there's always room for improvement. Once the construction is finished, it might look a lot better."

Anita Saunders, Mill Street:

"I would vote yes, anything to help senior citizens. If there was more money it would be better for us."

Dan Caron, Walnut Street:

"I'm undecided, but leaning toward (See CITIZENS, page 2A)

## Memorial Day observances

(From page 1A)

Charles W. Pigott, commander Veterans of World War I No. 2701, will place a wreath World War I Lot. Charles J. Zuccala, commander Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 1775 will place a wreath World War II and Korean War Lot.

The flag will be raised by the Commanders of local veterans' organizations. They are: Commander — Charles W. Pigott, Veterans of World War I Barracks No. 2701; Commander — Lyman G. Judd, Jr., American Legion Post No. 39; Commander — Charles J. Zuccala, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1775; Commander — Gordon Gary, Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 49; and Commander — Robert O'Neil, Lt. Stanley Benner Detachment, Marine Corps League.

The parade will reform and continue to Vietnam Veterans' lot where services will be continued. Those participating are: Placing of Wreath — Gordon Gary, commander Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 49; prayer — Mark Tremblay, chaplain, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 49; address — John D. Sullivan, P.C. American Legion Post No. 39; firing Party, and taps.

### Memorial Day Parade Roster

Honorary Grand Marshall — Charles Pigott, Commander Veterans of World War I

Chief Marshall and Master of Ceremonies — Wilfred J. St. Martin, Jr.

Chief of Staff — Guy Kingman, Commander — V.F.W. Post No. 1775

State and town officials: Menotomy Minuteman, Gold Star Mother, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 49 and Auxiliary.

American Legion Post No. 39 and Auxiliary.

Donald F. MacGillivray, V.F.W. Post No. 1775 and Auxiliary.

Arlington Barracks No. 2701, Veterans of World War I and Auxiliary.

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# Citizens sound off on tax override

(From page 1A)

no because I'd a conservative person. I think they could cut out other things, other than pulling on the services. They can go deeper and find something else to cut."

**Debbie Hallstrom, Brantwood Road:**

"I'm in favor of the override. I'd like to get the money back so we could keep funding for the children and the library, and keep all the things that we need that are essential."

**Janet Saker, Yerxa Road:**

"I would vote no. I don't think that the Center looks any better than it did; I don't see any drastic improvements. The money that was spent supposedly fixing up the Center could have been spent elsewhere."

**Howard Winkler, Mass Avenue:**

"I plan to vote for the override. I've lived in Arlington for 30 years. I'm also a Town Meeting member, and it has become very apparent to me that the town has run out of money. We cannot have a rate of inflation of 4 percent and a tax revenue only growing at 2½ percent. We're slowly being strangled. I also feel this way from a personal point of view, based on the citizens of the town and the general tone of the town and the condition of the schools. I feel very strongly about the school issue because my three children are graduates of Arlington High School, all the grades, and they are all very responsible citizens today; they hold good jobs. I want to make sure that

everybody else's children have the opportunity. Also, from a very selfish point of view, I believe that unless we keep up the tone of the town, ultimately, my value of my home, which is my biggest investment, will deteriorate. It's good for the people of the town and it's good for my pocketbook and I definitely plan to vote for it."

**John Surprise, Webster Street:**

"I plan to vote no because we have Proposition 2½; we should leave it as we have it. If you have a one time override, you'll have a two time and a three time override and too many exceptions. You have to leave it alone. It's working good as far as I'm concerned."

**Tom Cowan, Kenilworth Road:**

"I haven't really decided, but I

think I'm leaning toward no. It isn't that I think things are good, but if it's there it will be spent and if it's not, they'll find economies. Generally that's how I feel, both federally and locally. I think money needs to be appropriated from different accounts into other accounts. I think money is being spent in the wrong ways perhaps. But I'm subject to change my mind by the tenth."

**Fran Hopkins, Summer Street:**

"I'm voting to override Prop 2½. I think we need more services. I think closing down the schools is a bad idea; I think that the children need a lot of the programs that they have available to them, and I don't want to see them canceled, particularly computer programs, languages, reading, and some of the sports

activities. I think we need to have our police and fire department at least maintained. I don't want to see them cut any further. You have to look at the cost of living and the inflation rate and you can't expect to maintain services at the current cost. At some point you have to raise taxes."

**Marjorie Fraser, Medford Street:**

"I'll possibly be for it, if that's for the advantage of the people ... I think this is a disgrace down here through the Center; all that money and it's been torn up for who knows how long. Yet they can't get an extra cent for the teachers; they are going to lay them off. That's more important to lay them off and not let the kids get an education, but dig up and then rebuild, and then dig up again. That's what burns me up."

## Feelings strong on both sides of override debate

By JAMES BRISCOE  
For The Advocate

Municipalities cannot realistically expect further state aid to ease the financial crisis caused by the Proposition 2½ tax cap, Arlington's senator said this week.

"We are not in a situation to be saved by any outside force which would maintain our services. We cannot legitimately expect this," said state Senator Richard A. Kraus, D-Arlington, a public debate about the June 10 referendum on the Proposition 2½ override held at the Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday evening.

Kraus opened the discussion by describing the available options open to local government under Prop 2½ and highlighted the commonwealth's budget constraints which will mean that the \$600,000 originally targeted for Arlington is not likely to be forthcoming. The state must make \$6 million in cutbacks.

Kraus said that even if the state laid off 10,000 workers there still would not be enough money left to provide Arlington with any state aid.

Arlington's Finance Committee Chairman Robert F. O'Neill laid the blame for the current financial problems on the state's undervalued assessment of Arlington's true property value. "It is not the law but state implementation of the law which has hurt Arlington." But he agreed with Kraus that Arlington had to examine the situation realistically.

O'Neill said that Arlington government had done as much as could be done given the money available. Of Arlington's neighbors, said O'Neill, only Medford spends less per capita



Financial and budget issues were debated at a forum on Proposition 2½ at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday. From left are: Former Selectman Peg Spangler, Finance Committee Chairman Robert O'Neill, Town Meeting Member Robert Garrity, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee Robert Hayden and state Sen. Richard Kraus.

(David Stone photo)

on local government. Without increased revenues, said O'Neill, "Arlington can no longer be Arlington."

In opposition to the override proposal, Robert Garrity accused local government of maintaining an old-boy network that perpetuated waste

and drove up costs without increased productivity.

Claiming to speak for "the silent majority," Garrity told the audience, "It doesn't matter what we say here tonight because the town is going to vote this down."

Garrity also attacked the state

mandate system by which the state compels local government to provide certain social services, but fails to give any funding for these projects. He said that some of these must be eliminated and attacked Senator Kraus demanding that, "Our unrepresentative must tell the state no."

O'Neill countered saying, "We can't do anything about state funding for mandated programs." He asked that discussion be confined to the problems of local government. "The state has no significance in this issue."

Senator Kraus supported O'Neill in this assertion.

Robert Hayden, chairman of the town's Republican Town Committee and an override opponent, denounced the educational system in Arlington, questioning such programs as sex education and guidance counseling. He said that, if cutbacks necessitated the elimination of the athletics program, then it would have to be done.

Increased school spending within the present institutional structure, said Hayden, would not necessarily produce an equal growth in student performance.

Garrity said that he believes in good education and so had his children privately educated. But Kraus defended the system, saying all his children had been educated through Arlington schools.

Criticism of the Arlington educational system aroused a great deal of animosity from supporters of the override and a number of audience members. More than 100 people were present at the debate.

At the reception afterward, a 21-year-old man who had been educated through Arlington schools and was now attending Merrimack College said that he believed he had received an excellent education in Arlington.

He said that he had lived in Arlington all his life and wanted to raise a family here, but that the educational and social cuts brought about as a result of Prop 2½ had caused him to rethink his future plans. He said that it depressed him and many of his friends who were just graduating to see the community turn its back on them.

Many of those in the audience expressed worry and anger about the present and future states of the services in Arlington. One woman said there were many committed people in Arlington, but that the conditions and tools with which they worked were becoming shabbier everyday.

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# Board screening Gibbs tenants

By WENDY MIMRAN  
Special to The Advocate

The Arlington Redevelopment Board began interviewing prospective tenants this week for the Gibbs Junior High School, which will be closed this summer as a public school because of town budgetary problems.

Since 1980, the board has been given the responsibility of either selling or renting surplus municipal property. The process involves state mandated advertising of the availability of that property in newspapers and a state document, the "central registry." Under the guidelines established by the Redevelopment Board, proposals were submitted by the April 28 deadline by eight organizations.

At an opening hearing by the Redevelopment Board on Monday, the first three groups — all education related — presented their plans.

Marianne Uccello, president and owner of Learn to Grow, a day care center for children that has been in Arlington since 1987, described her program.

"We are licensed by the state of Massachusetts as a day care operation, providing a safe, productive environment for children whose parents are not able to care for them during the day. We offer toddler groups to after-school care for elementary school students," Uccello said.

"Learn to Grow is looking to expand to approximately 60 children from 15 months to 5 years with 10 teachers and a few helpers, so the Gibbs would be ideal for us," Uccello said.

The organization is looking for about 4,000 square feet on the second floor of the facility, a 5-year lease at a base rate of \$3.50 per square foot not including utilities, seven parking spaces for staff and visitors and the use of the existing fenced area for children's recreation.

According to Alan McClenen Jr., director of Planning and Community Development, who also is also secretary ex officio of the Redevelopment Board, a major issue for Learn to Grow is the question of heavy traffic because of the number of people who will be coming from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Magic Moose Cooperative Preschool is currently in the process of incorporating and is also interested in leasing space in the Gibbs. It consists of a group of parents wishing to start a nursery school for 12 three and four year olds. They are seeking a secure location in order to proceed with licensing requirements.

Using a working model of a cooperative school in Medford, the Gentle Dragon, Arlington resident Karen Harris, location coordinator, enumerated their needs.

"With so few children, one head teacher and one parent present, we need one ground-floor room of 420

square feet minimum, although 700 square feet is preferable. We have an annual budget of \$6,500 to cover rent and utilities," Harris said.

In addition, Harris said, they would need at least 840 square feet of outdoor space and two parking spaces. The hours of operation would be 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday from Sept. 1 to July 31 and we are looking for a 5-year lease, she said.

Marianne O'Brien, president of the Lexington Montessori School Inc and others involved in the 25-year-old organization, presented their interest in Gibbs.

The school will need the equivalent of four classrooms for the elementary program with a total of about 3,000 to 4,000 square feet. Although the organization plans to expand its existing facility in Lexington, it will need space elsewhere while building funds are being raised for about three to four years, O'Brien said.

The elementary program has three classes with 50 students total, three full-time teachers and three assistant teachers. The school plans to rent at \$3 a square foot and would be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Additional hearings for the tenants were scheduled for last night and Wednesday, May 31.

The board is expected to make its preliminary decisions on June 7 and the choices will be announced a week or so later, McClenen said.

"We are probably looking at 4-6 tenants for an easy fit, but much depends on space requirements for each group and to what extent they would be willing to compromise," said McClenen.

groups expressed a willingness to be flexible in their space needs.

"We are very sensitive to neighbors' reactions and have informed residents of Precinct 7 by letter of the open hearings so they may participate in the process," McClenen said. However, only two residents showed up.

According to McClenen, no prospective tenant has asked for total control of the gymnasium, so it will stay under the control of the Redevelopment Board, which will negotiate with individual tenants according to their interest in Gibbs.

"We know that the School Department needs the gym for high school girls basketball practice and games Thanksgiving to March 1. Also, the Recreation Department is under a lease arrangement of \$1 a year, giving them the administrative responsibility for managing the gym," McClenen said in an interview after the meeting.

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Jeff Mills and Louis Knowles repair a water leak on Washington Street in April.



Resurfacing work on Jason Street. This is some of the work the Department of Public Works does regularly to keep the town operating.

## Public Works Week has demonstrations, exhibits

May 20 to 28 is Public Works Week and Arlington's DPW wants you to know where they are and what they do.

"Public Works Week was established to call attention to what a department of public works does for a community," said Richard Bowler, director of Arlington's Department of Public Works.

The week's activities involve a variety of demonstrations and exhibits including an equipment show Wednesday at the Wellesley town yard.

In Arlington, the celebration culminates with a luncheon tomorrow, Friday, May 26 at noon at 51 Grove St. The DPW's yearly environmental award will be presented with this year's going to three people: State Senator Carol Amick, D-Bedford, Andover's DPW director Robert E. McQuaid, and Donald Fallon, in charge of Arlington's sanitation division.

Spreading the word about local DPW activities is part of the awareness week. A number of projects in Arlington are close to completion, according to Bowler.

"We're finishing up construction of Dixon Avenue and should be done within the month, by the middle of June," said Bowler.

The sidewalks on the recently resurfaced streets (Lowell, Appleton, and Jason streets, and Park Avenue Extension) should be done by the end of May, Bowler said.

Starting in July the crews will begin armor-coating about eight miles of roads in the Park Avenue to Appleton Street area, according to Bowler.

Besides the usual planned maintenance and water work, the DPW has some surprises to deal with including a bad leak on Clark Street and the severely damaged Richfield Road which Bowler said will have to almost completely replaced.

## Veteran educators honored for service

By WENDY MIMRAN  
Special to The Advocate

Approximately 150 school personnel temporarily put aside their frustrations with the system for a few hours last week to celebrate the accomplishments of 19 of their colleagues whose service has spanned from 25 to 41 years.

"Today we honor long-time Arlington Public School employees for their extraordinary commitment to education," announced John Welch, Assistant Superintendent, as he opened the Fifth Annual Distinguished Service award Ceremony.

Held in the afternoon on May 17 at Arlington High School, a reception was followed by a ceremony in the school cafeteria.

"Although many of us are facing an uncertain future, it is important to demonstrate our appreciation to these people who are so deserving of their awards," said Nancy Urban, Arlington High School English teacher.

"We are recognizing more than 500 years of experience for Arlington Public Schools. It's wonderful to see so many departments and disciplines covered," said Superintendent Walter Devine as he offered his congratulations.

On a more somber note, Devine acknowledged that financial prob-

lems plague education. "Staff cuts are occurring in communities across the state, not just in Arlington," the superintendent said. "It's depressing. I can't tell you that I see the light at the end of the tunnel... nobody wants additional taxation, yet we need to come up with some source to provide services to education because we are not receiving local aid commensurate with our needs."

In an attempt to bolster the low morale prevalent among town public school employees, the superintendent continued: "For those of us who are left, we will continue to do our best. For those who are leaving, we must listen to them during this difficult transition, helping people to write good resumes which capture their skills. For those suffering because their peers are leaving, please encourage the staff on the RIF (reduction of forces) to contact us to determine whether we can salvage their jobs," Devine suggested.

"Our termination letters appear hard and cold — it is not the way we feel, but a procedure we must go through; I am sure that those of you who remain will make every effort to provide quality education," concluded the superintendent.

School Committee member

Katherine D. Fennelly addressed the group: "I want you to know that we take our fiscal responsibility seriously. We don't like what we have to do; we're trying to get legislation for more funding."

"We have taken a day to show our appreciation to you and the sacrifices you make daily. We honor you for your loyalty to the school system and we are pleased to offer you tokens of our gratitude for your service," said Fennelly as she began presenting award certificates in sterling silver frames to 25-year staff.

Special honoree Mary E. Dolan, kindergarten teacher at Hardy School, was feted for 41 years of service. She received a Waterford crystal clock and a standing ovation. "Mary has always been a special friend to public education," said Welch.

Showing their affection for Claire Winter, 40-year veteran at the Hardy School, friends carried a banner with her name through the aisle as she was also presented with a crystal clock.

Retiring this year, Winter said, "I've had such wonderful faculty to work with. I know I'll miss them all."

Sole 30-year employee, Harold B. Fairbanks, interim principal at

Arlington High School, received a wooden desk clock. Honored guest Virginia Fuller of Brackett School and president of the Arlington Education Association, received thunderous applause as her colleagues stood up in recognition of the support she has given them.

The following are the 1988-1989 distinguished service awards honorees from the Arlington schools:

John M. Carey, Gibbs Jr. High School, 25 years; John H. Cody, High School, 25 years; Dolores Conlon, Specialist, 25 years; William E. Croke, Gibbs Jr. High School, 25 years; William E. Daley, High School, 25 years; Virginia G. Fuller, Brackett School, 25 years; William T. Gorman, Hardy School, 25 years; Richard G. Hall, High School, 25 years; John J. Hanley, High School, 25 years; William M. Leonard, Bishop School, 25 years; Patricia M. Maher, High School, 25 years; Mildred E. Murray, Peirce School, 25 years; Harold B. Fairbanks, High School, 30 years; Jacqueline R. Bernardin, Bishop School, 35 years; Bernardino C. Buzzell, Central Office, 35 years; Marilyn E. Flaherty, Peirce School, 35 years; Edmund R. Mahoney, Ottoson Jr. High School, 35 years; Claire A. Winters, Hardy School, 40 years and special honoree, Mary E. Dolan of the Hardy School.

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By P.L. BUSTAMANTE  
Advocate Assistant Editor

Town Meeting addressed a number of articles on issues in its closing session, ranging from budgets to by-law corrections.

The following is a breakdown of Town Meeting's action on those articles:

**Article 1 — Corrective Vote — Wetlands**

Town Meeting agreed with the Board of Selectmen's recommendation to make various amendments to the General Law for Wetlands Protection.

**Article 2 — CDBG Program funding**

At one of the last actions of Town Meeting, 100 members voted to pass the year 1 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations.

Chairman of Planning and Community Development Alan McCaffrey presented his breakdown adopted by Selectmen of this year's \$1.4M in CDBG funding. Though no rules were changed prior to the CDBG issues.

Town Meeting member Steven Deyleigh asked where money used in the controversial Great Meadow studies would come from and he said the money was out of last year's CDBG monies set aside for planning.

After Town Meeting members questioned the use of that money, the discussion came after budget article 4 was passed with many town departments taking heavy cuts and prompted John J. Deyster, Precinct 10, to comment in my opinion, "The Selectmen wasted \$30K."

The choice Deyster was referring to was the cost of the Great Meadow generally understood to be for the purpose of establishing the feasibility of building a golf course there.

Another had found out about the study after the last Board of Selectmen Chairman Charles Lyons said nothing before Deyster's comment.

Lyons added that he could not make a commitment that no more studies would be done. He also responded to Deyster's accusation of waste by saying, "If we didn't waste the money this year, some other community would."

After debate was terminated, Town Meeting decided to pass the recommended CDBG funding distribution by a substantial majority.

**Article 3 — Municipal Building Trust Fund**

If all goes as planned, the Town may eventually pay fire insurance premiums for all town buildings out of the Municipal Building Insurance Trust Fund.

Town Meeting members okayed Town Treasurer John Bilafer's request to allow the transfer of Municipal Building Insurance Trust Fund interest earnings to the principal of the fund and continue doing so at a yearly basis until the fund generates enough interest to pay the fire insurance premiums for town buildings.

To do this, Bilafer said, he would need the trust fund of more than \$1 million. Currently the principal is \$900,000 or \$300,000 in interest. The insurance premium is \$70,000.

Town Meeting passed the article as amended by the substitute motion.

**Article 4 and 42 — Capital Equipment**

Town Meeting voted to pass all four subsections of this year's capital equipment statements.

The first section included 13 items of projects and equipment totaling \$1,700,000. Most of that money, \$1,100,000, was raised by general tax, art. 4 and \$400,000 transferred from Sale of Lots and Graves Fund.

The equipment in section one includes among other items a photocopier for the Personnel Department, \$30,000 for asbestos abatement, \$10,000 for asbestos abatement, \$10,000 for police department, and \$10,000 for interior maintenance.

Section 42 included \$325,402 in projects and equipment that would come at the end of the year.



Officials face Town Meeting members last week.

(Barbara Bergen photo)

Article 5 — Minuteman Tech Appropriation

After only a few clarifying questions, Town Meeting agreed to appropriate \$1.8M to Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District.

The money is Arlington's share of the operating and maintenance costs of the regional technical school that serves 16 area towns.

The total Minuteman Budget went up less than one percent at the expense of 12 staff positions according to John P. Donahue chairman of the Minuteman School Committee and a Town Meeting member from Precinct 1.

Arlington's share actually went down slightly because of increased enrollment in the school district's western communities.

At last year's Town Meeting, Minuteman was appropriated only part of the whole bill and was voted the remainder at last November's Special Town Meeting.

The year Town Meeting voted unanimously to appropriate the full \$1.6M.

**Article 6 — Transfer of Funds — Conservation Committee**

The Conservation Commission can now transfer a \$3,000 surplus in the existing Conservation Commission budget to an account established at Town Meeting in 1985 — known as The Conservation Fund.

Town Meeting passed this section without debate and unanimously.

**Article 15 — Unemployment Appropriation**

Town Meeting accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$200,000 for the unemployment compensation program.

The article, inserted at the request of the town manager, is in the warrant year.

**Article 16 — Legal Fund Expenses Appropriation**

The Finance Committee recommended a vote of "no action" for article 16's request for money to augment the existing funds in the town's legal expense fund.

Town Meeting voted with a unanimous vote.

**Article 17 and 18 — Town Water and Sewer System Appropriations**

Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$250,000 for the rehabilitation of Arlington's water system and \$300,000 for the sewer system.

The money is raised by general tax, water bills and state and federal grants but must still be appropriated by Town Meeting yearly.

According to the article, the funds will go to the clearing, replacement and improvement of the two systems.

Town Meeting passed the two articles unanimously.

**Article 19 and 20 — Westmoreland Avenue**

A recommendation of "no action" for both Article 19 and 20 was quickly passed by Town Meeting. The street will not be accepted as a public way.

the culvert as a contingency to the building permit.

Lack of financing however has stagnated the project, putting the culvert repair on hold, too.

According to Town Manager Donald R. Marquis, fixing the culvert would cost \$1 million, an allotment he said he would not recommend when there are other places in town that are worse.

Marquis added that some repairs had already been done and said, "as far as I'm concerned we no longer have a problem. The problem has been eliminated."

Town Meeting members not sure which side to believe, asked if there were other ways of funding the repairs and what liabilities the town has for an accident in the area, i.e. a child drowning in the culvert because of flooding.

During her presentation, Caggiano said that three years ago selectman Robert Walsh, chairman at the time, claimed the town would not be responsible for said drowned child, because a parent should know where a child is 24 hours a day.

Caggiano juxtaposed this to Walsh's appeal during the Great Meadow debate when he said the town would be liable if anything happened to someone, i.e. a child drowning at the undeveloped property.

Heeding the financial restraints, Town Meeting agreed to the recommendation of "no action" for article 17.

**Article 38 — Budget**

Town Meeting easily agreed to appropriate a total of \$35,678 to six different town commissions committees and boards. The money is divided as follows:

- \$2,450 for the Arlington Historical Commission

- \$2,400 for the Broadway, Central Street, Russell and Pleasant Street Historic District Commissions

- \$10,000 for the Conservation Commission

- \$500 for the Capital Planning Committee

- \$100 for the Personnel Review and Appeals Board voted into the Personnel Board in Article 32

- \$26,228 for the Council on Alcohol and Drug Education Committee

The vote was unanimous.

**Article 39 — Budget**

The vote was unanimous and with no debate to appropriate \$14,691 for five Arlington celebrations and memorials.

The money was distributed as follows:

- \$2,000 for Christmas lighting

- \$9,690 for Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day Observation, and Patrons Day Celebration

- \$1 for 1989 Town Day Celebration

- \$500 for Display of American flags on Massachusetts Avenue

- \$2,500 for placing American flags on the graves of veterans

Article 40 — Hazardous Waste Disposal

The town of Arlington is continuing to have its hazardous waste disposal

ous waste disposal program.

Town Meeting voted unanimously to appropriate \$4,500 to hold the annual hazardous waste collection day and to continue educating Arlington residents on the nature of hazardous waste substances.

**Article 61 — Recycling Study Committee**

Recycling may have potential in Arlington and a new committee is studying the matter to find out.

Town Meeting unanimously passed article 61, inserted at the request of 10 registered voters which asked to form a seven-member recycling study committee and for \$100 to cover the committee's expenses.

The committee will consist of four town meeting members, the chair man of the Conservation Commission or his/her designee, and two registered voters of the town.

The results of the study will be reported at the next Special or Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 62 — Charge Rubbish Removal**

Rubbish Collection will still be free in the Town of Arlington.

The Board of Selectmen recommended a vote of "no action" for article 62's request for a charge of \$10 per household for rubbish removal.

Town Meeting quickly agreed to the recommendation.

The fee had been considered as a way of raising additional revenue and the article was inserted at the request of 10 registered voters.

**Article 63 — Public Fiscal Hearing by Town Meeting**

Town Meeting voted down a request to hold public hearings on the town's fiscal matters.

Article 63, inserted at the request of 10 registered voters and presented by Harry McCabe, precinct 21, asked for a debate and discussion relating to all fiscal matters of the Town in general and to all matters fiscal and otherwise relating to proposed and/or projected budget cuts and income projections.

The hearing would have been in town hall auditorium on a date established by Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen recommended a vote of "no action" on charges that the article is redundant.

Article 63 is "an attempt to look at the future and prepare for it," said McCabe in his presentation.

Other Town Meeting members also saw some advantages to the public budget forum.

"I don't see this as duplication," said Elsie Fiore, precinct 2. "I see this as an open forum."

Bill Berkowitz from precinct 8 saw it as "an article to increase public participation in Town Meeting."

Town Meeting members in general, however, agreed with Selectmen and passed the recommendation of "no action."

**Article 64 — Appointment of a Standing Committee of the Whole**

This article, inserted at the request of 10 registered voters and

presented by Harry McCabe, precinct 21, was also shot down by Town Meeting members.

Article 64 like 63 is a chance to look to the future again, said McCabe. "The old ways will not suffice; new methods have to be found to deal with the constraints of Proposition 2."

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Charles Lyons again presented the board's recommendation of "no action."

Town Meeting agreed and passed the "no action" recommendation.

**Article 65 — Transfer of Funds — Cemeteries**

The Cemetery Commissioner will get \$81,000 for the improvement of the town cemeteries.

Of the sum, \$42,000 will come from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund. \$16,620 will be from the Cemetery Expansion and Improvement Fund, and \$22,328 will be taken from the unexpended balances of funds previously transferred from Sales of Lots and Graves Fund.

The money will be divided with \$40,400 applied to Budget 1, Cemeteries in Article 40, and \$41,000 to the Capital Plan for equipment \$3000 for lawnmowers \$3200 for a backhoe.

Elsie Fiore, precinct 2, took the chance to ask about the amount of space remaining in the cemeteries.

The cemetery still has space for another 25 years, according to Town Manager Donald R. Marquis.

So there's still room for me," asked Fiore.

Town Meeting passed the article.

**Article 66 — Indemnification of Medical Costs**

Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$3,277 for medical and surgical expenses of certain retired police officers and firefighters.

**Article 67 — Appropriation of Overlay Reserve**

Town Meeting agreed to transfer \$42,000 from the Overlay Reserve Surplus for previous fiscal years to Budget 33 of article 40 for insurance.

**Article 68 — Stabilization Fund**

The Stabilization Fund will get the full recommended amount of \$100,000 despite a last-minute effort to redistribute some of the money to fund the badly cut Arlington Youth Consultation Center (AYCC) budget.

The Stabilization Fund currently has \$23,130 in it, according to Finance Committee Chairman Robert O'Neill, who described the money as having been put aside "for a rainy day."

John Deyster, Precinct 10, who elicited the balance figure from O'Neill, presented a substitute motion recommending \$80,000 for the Stabilization Fund which, with the \$23,130, would still leave \$100,000 in the fund. The other \$20,000 would then be applied to the AYCC budget.

Town Treasurer John Bilafer, Capital Planning Committee Chair man Charles Foskett, and Board of Selectmen Chairman Charles Lyons all spoke against the substitute motion.

\$100,000 is a "paltry sum" for a stabilization fund and could affect the town's bond rating, said Lyons.

Town Meeting member Steve Whetstone, Precinct 6, questioned the concept of stabilization fund and what it should be used for.

In my opinion, it is now a rainy day in Arlington," he said.

Bilafer responded that he hadn't known a year "when it hasn't been raining."

The final vote of 42 to 87 showed support for Deyster's substitute motion, but not enough to pass it.

Article 69 was passed as originally entered in the warrant, with \$100,000 going to the Stabilization Fund. According to Town Counsel John Maher, money taken from the fund will have to be approved by a two-thirds vote by Town Meeting and will have to be used for capital projects.

**Resolution —** The final vote taken by Town Meeting at 10:55 p.m. of the last session was 111 to 11 to pass a resolution presented by Steve Whetstone, Precinct 6, stating Town Meeting's support for a Proposition 2 override.

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**POLICE LOG****Arrests**

On May 15, a 37 year old Burlington man was arrested on a warrant for armed robbery.

A 19 year-old Medford man was arrested May 15 for violating the terms of his probation.

A Hillside Avenue man, age 31, was arrested at his home on a Lexington warrant for operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol. It was his second offense, according to police records.

On May 15, a Park Avenue Extension man was arrested in the MBTA parking lot on Mass Avenue. He was charged with not properly displaying his registration plate and was operating with a suspended license.

A Gorham Street man was arrested May 15 at the junction of Mass Avenue and Quincy Street and was charged with operating under the influence, speeding, and possession of marijuana.

On May 17, a 19 year-old Webscott Road man and a Belmont Road man, also 19, were found in possession of alcohol in the municipal parking lot. A 25 year-old Medford Street man was arrested May 17 in Freemont Court. He was operating an unregistered motor vehicle, a 1978 Chevrolet, while under the influence and without a license. He was also found to be in possession of marijuana.

On May 18, a Worcester man, age 36, was arrested for disorderly conduct on Oxford Street. He had put his fist through his girlfriend's apartment window and was later treated for cuts. He was also wanted on warrants for larceny issued by the Stoneham and Natick police departments.

A 17 year-old Billerica man was arrested on Frazier Road near the

old railroad tracks for drinking in public and being in possession of marijuana.

On May 19, a Dorchester man, age 34, was arrested for violation of the terms of his probation.

On May 20, a 39-year-old Silk Street man was stopped on Broadway near the Somerville line and charged with speeding, operating a motorcycle without a helmet, operating under the influence, and possession of a substance believed to be cocaine.

On May 21, a 17-year-old Broadway girl was arrested for assaulting a policeman. The officer found her drinking with an intoxicated male at the corner of Appleton and Harvard streets. When the officer tried to arrest the male the girl jumped on his back while the man escaped, according to police reports.

On May 22, a 20-year-old Medford man was arrested for operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle without a license.

**Larcenies**

On May 15, a Gardner Street woman reported that billing papers were taken from her 1989 Dodge parked outside her house.

Lexington Eye on Mass. Avenue reported May 15 that \$225 was taken from a drawer over the weekend.

On May 16, a West Street man told police that electronic equipment valued at \$3,000 was taken from his 1985 BMW while it was parked outside of his home.

On May 17, a Dorothy Road man found the left window of his 1985 SAAB smashed and his radio gone.

On May 17, a Marblehead woman found the right window of her 1985 SAAB smashed and her radio stolen.

The theft happened on Summer Street.

A Frost Street man reported to police on May 17 that the left window of his 1985 VW had been smashed and his Alpine Stereo taken.

Fifty dollars cash enclosed in a Coolidge Bank Envelope was taken May 17 from Texaco on Mass. Avenue by a white male aged approximately 19. The suspect was driving a grey motor vehicle.

On May 19, a Jason Street man had a Sanyo AM/FM cassette worth \$250 and a Maxon Radar detector worth \$100 from his 1978 SABA.

**Break-ins**

On May 15, a Belton Street woman reported an attempted break-in at the house of an out of town resident.

On May 16, \$50 was taken from the purse of a Warren Street woman. There were no signs of forced entry.

A Gardner Street woman revealed to police May 16 that assorted camping equipment had been taken from her basement at sometime since December.

On May 18, a Victoria Road man discovered that his home had been forcibly entered between 8-9pm. A Sylvania VCR was the only object taken by the burglars.

On May 20, Joyce's Gourmet on Lake Street reported that there front glass had been smashed and that a 4-foot stuffed animal had vanished.

**Vandalism**

On May 15, an Old Colony Lane man driving his 1979 Chevrolet had his windshield smashed by a rock.

On May 16, a Mill Street man reported that the right window of his 1988 Chevrolet had been smashed.

An Edith Street man was aggrieved to find, on May 16, that the right driver's side window of his 1980 Datsun had been shattered.

On May 18, a Lowell Street man reported to police that two days earlier the rear window of his 1975 Dodge had been broken.

A Mystic Valley Parkway man discovered May 18 that his rear window had been smashed by an unknown object.

On May 19, a Shelley Road woman had her front storm door damaged.

A Windsor Street man had a tire of his 1984 Oldsmobile slashed on May 19.

On May 21, a Bow Street man had his window broken by a bottle.

**Miscellaneous**

On May 15, a Mass. Avenue woman was exposed to by a white, scraggly haired male who fled down Mass. Avenue on foot.

On May 16, a Pierce Street man was bitten by an unknown black dog.

A "flim flam" was reported May 15 at A&A Deli. The suspects tried to confuse the cashier by giving her bills of varying denominations and then demanding them back immediately. The attempt failed, according to reports, and the suspects drove off in a Ford Escort.

A young, white male exposed himself at the window of a hairdresser on Mass. Avenue on May 20.

On May 21, a black male aged 20-30 approximately 6 feet tall and weighing 190 pounds wandered into the Mass. Avenue home of a Dorchester man and Jamaica Plain woman. When confronted by the residents the assailant threatened them with a knife and ran off with the woman's purse which contained \$1.

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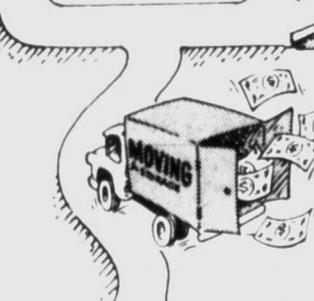


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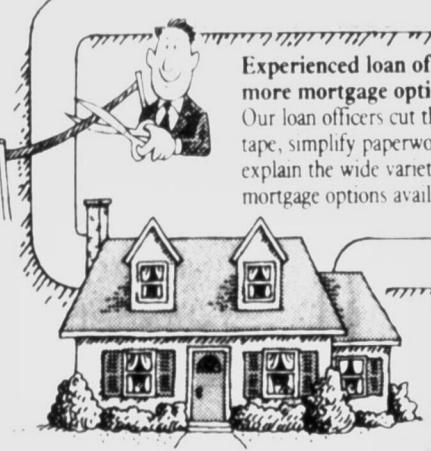
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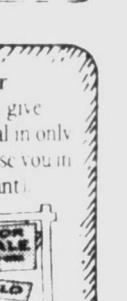
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## Boy, 5, drowns in Mystic Lakes

A five-year-old Chelsea boy drowned in Mystic Lakes on Saturday afternoon May 20.

Loan Huynh of 781 Broadway in Chelsea was fishing with his 30-year-old father on the banks of the Lower Mystic Lakes when the father suddenly noticed his son's disappearance.

A passing motorist ran to the Arlington Police station on nearby Mystic Street to report the situation at 5:04 p.m., according to police reports.

Sgt. David MacNamee of the Arlington Police Department arrived at the lake a short time later and he and the father dove into the water to rescue the child, police said.

Huynh was estimated to have

been in the water 15 minutes before rescuers pulled him to shore. Fire Rescue Services administered CPR to the child and he was rushed to Symmes Hospital where he was pronounced dead by Dr. A. Fischer at 6:26 p.m.

The boy's father did not see him fall into the lake, he told police. Huynh was probably playing along the banks of the lake when he fell in, according to reports. He drowned 15 feet from shore in seven feet of water, police said.

The Metropolitan Police are conducting the investigation of the drowning.

—By JAMES BRISCOE

## Regent reopening this week

(From page 1A)

changed from renovating open soon to Rainman May 26. The movie will be showing at 6:45 and 9 p.m.

Originally redecorated in 1926, The Regent is one of the last area theaters to retain its old Vaudeville decor and large interior space. Though the recent renovation may not match the art deco standards of those times — the blue and ecru walls of two-tone old rose — the

green-gold proscenium and drapes along the sides — it does include replacement of the old seats with new large comfortable ones, according to the owner.

The carpeting is also new and sound and projection equipment have been upgraded. Seating is priced at \$2.75, and the first 100 people to show up will get free popcorn, according to a press release. There will be a 4 p.m. matinee on Saturdays and Sundays.

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## Senior Center's future still cloudy

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The meeting was held so close to the budget debates only because the center's three-year lease was up on May 19, McClennen said.

A letter was sent last fall to the Senior Association explaining the upcoming termination date and asking if they wished to renew the lease, said McClennen.

They did, and on Monday, May 15, the Redevelopment Board voted to extend the lease until July 1 so

various issues, including possible rent, could be resolved.

The Senior Center currently is housed rent-free.

According to McCabe, some who attended the meeting left with the impression that McClennen intended to reduce by half the space used by the Senior Center.

According to McClennen, no such suggestion was ever made, but any misunderstanding of intent may have come from one of the options he had discussed during the meeting

The option, he said, involved a reworking of the leases. There are two, one for the Arlington Senior Association and one for the Council on Aging. Part of the association's space would be transferred to the Council on Aging's lease, which is covered by the Town's liability insurance. Doing this would reduce the association's insurance premium by \$3,000 (almost half) without reducing the space used by the Senior Center, according to McClennen.

"Apparently one person interpreted my discussion of options as an edict from me. I just don't function that way," McClennen said.

Members of the Senior Association requested another meeting after the June 10 Proposition 2½ override vote, McClennen said. He could not say if the new lease would involve rental payments.

"I haven't the faintest idea," he said. "My job is to point out as series of options."

## McCarthy to get AHS job offer

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Devine's recommendation was made after the interviews were complete, and his suggestion, he said, was made on a "great deal of feed-back," especially from students who had visited the various schools where the three candidates are currently employed.

Some of the more important qualities he said were leadership potential, interpersonal skills, firmness, fairness and consistency.

McCarthy was described as forward-thinking, receptive, energetic, enthusiastic, workaholic, computer-wise having "vision" and being

the only candidate to call the high school for a master schedule of the curriculum. Devine said after presenting his recommendation.

Though appearing stiffer and less personable than the other two candidates during the interview, reports said he was well liked and will be missed by students in Peabody.

School Committee member David McKenna said, though he was impressed with all three finalists, the clear choice among students he had talked to was McCarthy.

Reportedly McCarthy is a "big advocate of children" and easy to talk to, though also strict and opinionated.

According to Devine, Acting Principal Harold Fairbanks is also a strong supporter of McCarthy.

School Committee members Katharine Fennelly and Janice Baker, the only two to vote "no" on McCarthy, expressed concern about McCarthy's ability to work with parents. Some comments they had heard, they said, were not good.

Fennelly and Baker also pointed out that, although McCarthy had improved the curriculum at the Peabody high school, the city of Peabody was not currently experiencing the same Proposition 2½ financial crisis that Arlington was suffering. Peabody has recently had a develop-

ment boom.

Lincoln-Sudbury, where candidate Carr is from, has a curriculum more suited to Arlington's aspirations than does Peabody, Fennelly said.

The motion to accept Devine's recommendation was made by School Committee member William Carey, and seconded by School Committee member Kathleen Dias. The roll-call vote was 7 to 2 to appoint McCarthy.

If McCarthy accepts the position he will start July 1 with a salary of \$59,044, which will increase to \$62,587 after Sept. 1. Previously the principal salary was \$56,000, according to Devine.

## MBTA: Red Line ticket sales red hot

Monthly pass sales at the Out-of-Town Ticket Agency on the Harvard Square Red Line station's mezzanine, one of the MBTA's newest retail outlets, have topped 7,000 in the two months since the sales began. Sale of April passes jumped

by nearly \$19,000 over levels for February and March. Total passes sold for April reached 7,067, compared with 6,381 for March.

The increase in pass sales at the Harvard Square outlet matches an overall upward trend in pass sales for the T. Total sales at all MBTA pass outlets for February and March were up 10 percent this year over 1988 levels, averaging 121,601 passes sold. The trend indicates that growing numbers of passengers are taking advantage of the program.

MBTA General Manager Thomas P. Glynn said, "The retail outlet in the Harvard Square station began ticket sales for the first time in February, allowing subway, bus, streetcar and commuter rail passengers in Cambridge and surrounding areas to save time and money when taking the T." Passes may be pur-

chased at the Harvard Square outlet during the last four and first two working days of each month.

Glynn added that during May and June, passengers can get "real savings" by purchasing a pass at prices that do not reflect the increase in cash fares which became effective on May 1st. "T passengers can save as much as 38 percent over current cash fares because pass prices will not go up until July 1, 1989," he said. "We expect increases during the next two months due to these savings."

The MBTA recently introduced a simpler, easier monthly pass program which will go into effect July 1, 1989, for all bus and subway lines. Under the new program, there will be three basic passes used by over 90 percent of the MBTA's customers: a local bus pass, a subway pass, and a

combination pass.

The local bus pass will continue to cost \$18 per month and can be used by passengers riding at street level on the Green Line.

The subway pass will cost \$27 each month, and can be used by Red (except Quincy, Quincy/Adams, and Braintree), Blue, Orange, and Green line riders (except Newton stops), as well as Commuter Rail passengers in Zones 1A and 1B.

The combination pass will allow you to use all local buses, the majority of the subway system (except Quincy Adams and Braintree), and certain Express Buses for \$40.

As well as at Harvard Square station, monthly passes are available at post offices, banks and other retail outlets. For additional information about the monthly pass program, passengers should call the MBTA's Pass Program at 722-5219.

## Cuckoo signals silenced once again

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more of noise.

One area resident likened the original signals to burglar alarms.

In October, the new "cuckoo" bells were installed. The new kinder, gentler version of the audible signals cost \$350 each, were made exclusively by a California company, and were stolen a month later on

Thanksgiving.

The bizarre crime of "bird noise" larceny was never solved but yet another set of audible signals were installed a few months later in March. The new, new signals went "tweet" instead of "cuckoo" and had been purchased at the same time as the other set of missing "bird noises."

The Board of Selectmen received

no complaints after the first "bird noise" signals were installed until the single letter three weeks ago from the woman. Carroll did not know whether the woman's medical problem was temporary or permanent.

One blind resident of the area concerned about the signals being disconnected, visited Carroll and left his office saying she would be contacting the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. The commission will be making the final decision on when and if the cuckoos will return to the corner of Lake Street and Mass Avenue.

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# Shannon outlines issues

At an areawide "Town Meeting" last week, Massachusetts Attorney General James Shannon reiterated his positions on the issues facing the state and the nation.

The attorney general's office is responsible for "representing the public interest," Shannon told a crowd at the Watertown Senior Center. The office does this by defending state agencies, prosecuting criminals and advocating for consumer rights, he said.

Shannon said his office is trying to push through legislation to aid in the fight against drug trafficking. "The most troubling aspect of the drug trade is that it has become more violent," he said. Although he said he didn't believe the problem could be solved through law enforcement, Shannon said reducing the incentive to traffic drugs would help.

A law that would allow Massachusetts to seize any assets proven to be gained through drug trafficking cannot seem to make it out of legislative committees, Shannon said, but he believes it would help. Part of the seized assets would go back into the law enforcement effort. The federal government can seize assets, but the state cannot. Taking away the profit incentive would make some traffickers think twice, Shannon said.

"Right now it's worth it for them to put in a few years in jail, because

they know when they get out they can live the life of a millionaire," Shannon said.

The discussion then turned to corporate criminals who evade pollution laws. "It's unbelievable the cavalier attitude some businesses have to environmental laws," the attorney general said. He took a stab at President George Bush's proclamation that he wants to be the environmental president by saying that much of the responsibility for pollution clean-up had been left to the states.

Shannon also made clear his position on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in his comments about his office's struggle against the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. According to Shannon, "it would take 12 to 13 hours to get people off the beaches near Seabrook" if an accident occurred in the summer. That, he said, is not good enough.

"The NRC bends over backwards to help the nuclear industry," Shannon said. It could take over five years before a license to work at full capacity is a possibility. "We're going to fight this right to the end," he said.

He next tackled the abortion issue, equating Roe V. Wade, the landmark Supreme Court case giving women the right to an abortion, with Brown v. Board of Education, the case that began school desegregation.

tion by declaring that separate is not equal. Reversing Roe v. Wade, Shannon said, would be "a public health disaster."

In response to the question, "Why should I pay for abortions?" Shannon said, "I believe poor women should have the same opportunities as other women. We don't want a system where certain people have some options and others have less options."

About the state's judicial system, Shannon said the only way to expedite cases and keep criminals in jail longer is to spend money on more judges, jails and police.

State Sen. Michael Barrett, D-Watertown, introduced Shannon. The two have known each other since they worked together in Rep. Michael Barrington's office in the early 1970s.

State Auditor Joseph DeNucci was also on hand to talk about his position as "watchdog of state government."

Shannon has scheduled his town meetings throughout the state. The one held in Watertown covered the entire area including Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Winchester, Waltham, and Newton. Shannon has been the state's attorney general for almost three years. He is facing a battle for re-election against Middlesex County District Attorney Scott Harshbarger.

## Turnpike will have extra patrols

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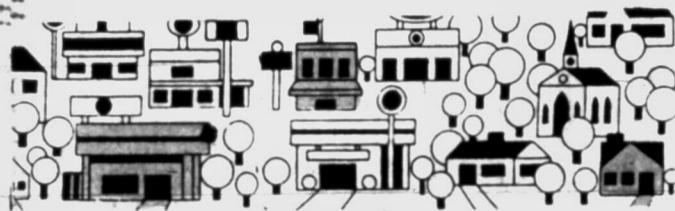
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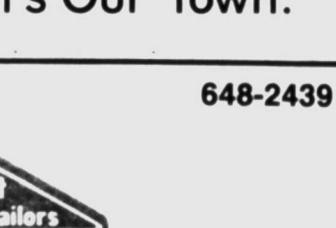
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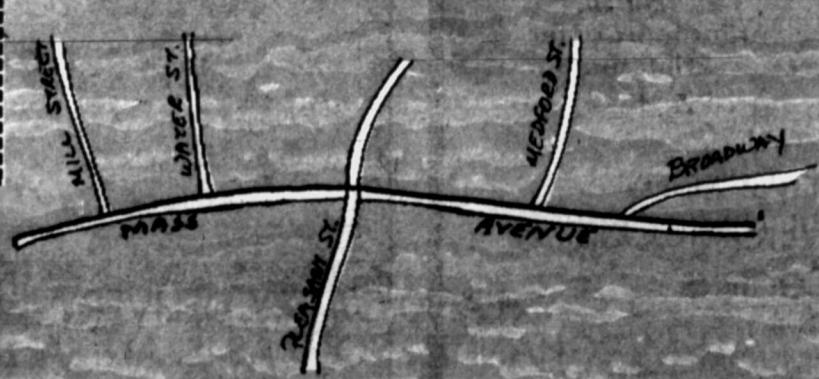
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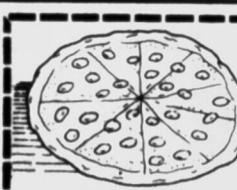
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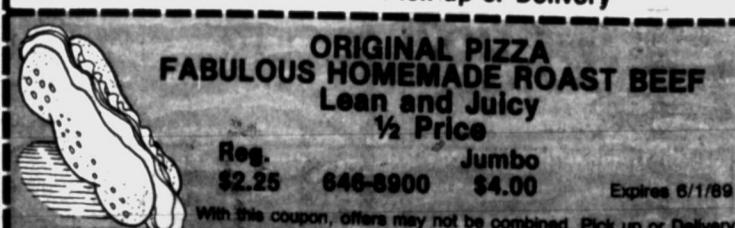


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# Worden in solar car race

Longest solar-powered race ever

Arlington's own transportation celebrity, James Worden, will be competing in the longest ever solar-powered car race over this Memorial Day Weekend.

The "American Tour de Sol" race, covering more than 250 miles, will begin in Montpelier, Vt., and finish at MIT in Cambridge and is expected to attract large crowds of spectators.

Worden, a longtime Arlington resident and graduate of Arlington High School, is known nationally for his years of work with solar-powered cars. Called the "Henry Ford of solar cars," Worden was recently

the focus of a Museum of Transportation film shot in and around Arlington.

The American Tour de Sol will "do more for solar power awareness among the public than any other American-held event," according to Worden.

As one of five entries in the race, Worden will be driving his Solectria V, modified and upgraded for "increased speed and sleeker, more streamlined appearance."

Worden, an MIT senior, has four years of solar-car racing behind him having competed in four Swiss Tour de Sols, a Trans-Australia race and

others.

Dartmouth College, the New Hampshire Technical Institute, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Lowell will also be competing with what Worden describes as "exceptional entries in the race." He calls his own Solectria V "the most competitive vehicle," however.

Worden and his MIT colleagues recently previewed a new solar-powered car design, the MIT Galaxy, which Worden claims is the fastest solar car ever built.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Office Supply Inc. now open

By ANNE-MARIE SELTZER

Special to The Advocate

Thomas Fitzgerald, an Arlington resident and the owner of C.R. Office Supply, Inc. at 437 Mass. Ave., expresses his business philosophy this way: "I'd rather get a little money from a lot of people, than a lot of money from a few people."

Through his new business, Fitzgerald hopes to do just that. With a wide range of office supplies and equipment at prices averaging 20 percent below retail, Fitzgerald would like to draw customers from Arlington and the surrounding communities. To celebrate his new store, he held a grand opening on May 20, with give-aways, special sales, balloons, and refreshments.

C.R. Office Supply Inc. carries a full line of office supplies, ranging from pens and pencils to the new or used desks to put them in. Fitzgerald also carries office equipment: typewriters, microcassette recorders, FAX machines, mobile phones, paper shredders, a battery-operated letter opener, and an automatic letter folder that he calls "our most unusual item." He also carries "luxury items," such as Cross Pen and Pencil Sets, Mont Blanc pens, and leather brief cases.

Prices range from pens or pencils for a quarter to office equipment for \$17,000. However, Fitzgerald discounts his prices to 20 percent below retail for supplies, and can "do even better" on his office equipment. He added, "We offer free delivery of an order to Arlington and any of the surrounding communities. Customers outside Route 128 receive free delivery for orders totaling \$50 or more."

According to Fitzgerald, what sets his business apart from many others is the fact that he services all the equipment he sells. "I think I'm the only retail and commercial office

supply dealer in the area that does that," he said. "Having only one company to deal with makes things much easier for the customer."

Customer service is something that Fitzgerald is concerned about. Admitting that he doesn't always go along with the notion that the customer is always right because "some people abuse the privileges," he nevertheless believes that "if people are reasonable, they should get whatever they are entitled to. It's important to keep people happy. So many companies go knocking on doors for new business, while they ignore the customers they already have. That's not my style."

Born in Arlington, Fitzgerald graduated from Arlington Catholic High School and Sylvania Technical School. His business experience began at a now-defunct copier company in Burlington, where he worked as a copy machine technician.

then service manager and trainer. In 1984, he opened his first Arlington business, Copiers-R-U.

"I try to spend my money locally, and that's one reason I wanted to open another business in this town. I've had opportunities to relocate the business to other towns for less money, but Arlington is where I grew up, and where my wife and I live now."

"The concept of the town center is changing; people are less likely to shop locally, not only here but in other communities as well. I'm willing to put my money here in the hope that it will make the Center a more stable place to do business. I want Arlington to be successful," he said.

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### *Ice cream for charity*



Jerry Greenfield, left, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, visited the Arlington ice cream store which bears his name on May 6. As part of the celebration Greenfield, along with the partners in the store Peter Galluzzo, Laurie Tucci and Kevin Moriarty, presented a check for the Skyline Playground fundraising effort to Amy Shorey and daughters Rachel and Margot.

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## MAN ABOUT TOWN

BY MAT



## That's right: dial 646-1000 to order yours now!

In order to ensure the most scientific of results and allow the best man to win in the poll, all those who watch the selectmen's meeting tonight (a taped version of Monday's meeting will be shown on cable channel 45 at 8 p.m.) are asked to call the main town hall number on Friday, May 26, and say that you saw the show. Of course it wouldn't be appropriate to call if you really didn't watch the show or to call numerous times if you did. (Even if you are related to a member of the board.) However, it would make things interesting for the switchboard operators. Anyone with suggestions on the "cablecasting" of town meetings, specifically the selectmen's, are asked to call the selectmen's office.

In the 'Plant a Tree It'll Make You Feel Good and It's Good for the Town' department — Mike Wright, director of properties and natural resources has informed the newspaper that the blue spruce "Christmas" tree in the island on Mass. Avenue in front of the BayBank is not doing well and, alas, will have to be taken down and moved to a different location.

Because of the financial constraints in his department, there is no money for a new tree for the location. So Wright has asked that we put the word out seeking a new spruce tree. Anyone with a spruce tree of 15 to 20 feet with a trunk diameter of about 10 inches is asked to call the properties and natural resources department. (Although don't call tomorrow unless of course you watch the selectmen's meeting on cable — that's channel 45 at 8 p.m. — tonight.)

\* Wright says the town will move the tree from another location in town.

Word is that plans for the 125th anniversary of Arlington High School — set to be a year-long celebration of sorts next year — are coming together. The organizers, we have it on good authority, are planning several activities around the Thanksgiving weekend and during graduation next year, that's 1990 folks. The anniversary committee will be looking for interested former students and others in town to work on the committee in the coming weeks.

Well, Town Meeting's over and now Arlington's life will begin to gear down for the summer season. (After the override special election, that is.) It's been said that all of the town's business is conducted in the spring and fall, we just sort of coast the other seasons. No more jousts between McCabe and Worden or hissing from the back row, but it was a lot fun wasn't it? Eight sessions and lots of grim number crunching. A great many of the usual suspects who have been perennial speakers were mum this year as the bleak events played out. But some of the "usuals" who did speak up, it's been noted, probably added a few nights to Town Meeting. It's their democratic right, you know.

Most of the time, opening the mail is a boring job, but then, every so often, we get some real gems in the mailbag. For a while we had the regular reports from Sam Wilson (as in Uncle Sam) and Bea Reasonable. This week we received a note from "A large group of Arlington Seniors." Written in long hand on the back of one of the "Keep Arlington .... Arlington" mailings, the group offers thoughts and ponderings on many of the issues in town today.

Here, we'll pass along a couple of sections:

"Please, no more brick sidewalks unless the town can find a contractor who owns a level. News of constructing brick pathways between town hall and the Central School sends a chill through seniors. The sensible cement walks are too [emphasis supplied] sensible to be used, we guess. We know of no pathways, just one sidewalk between T.H. and S.C. No senior takes a short cut over the hill, only T.H. people who park illegally at the S. Center." That is what "T.H. people". We're told, however, town employees aren't the ones illegally parking at the old Central School, those Boston-bound bus riders — no doubt from suburbs west of here — are often hogging up the street space.)

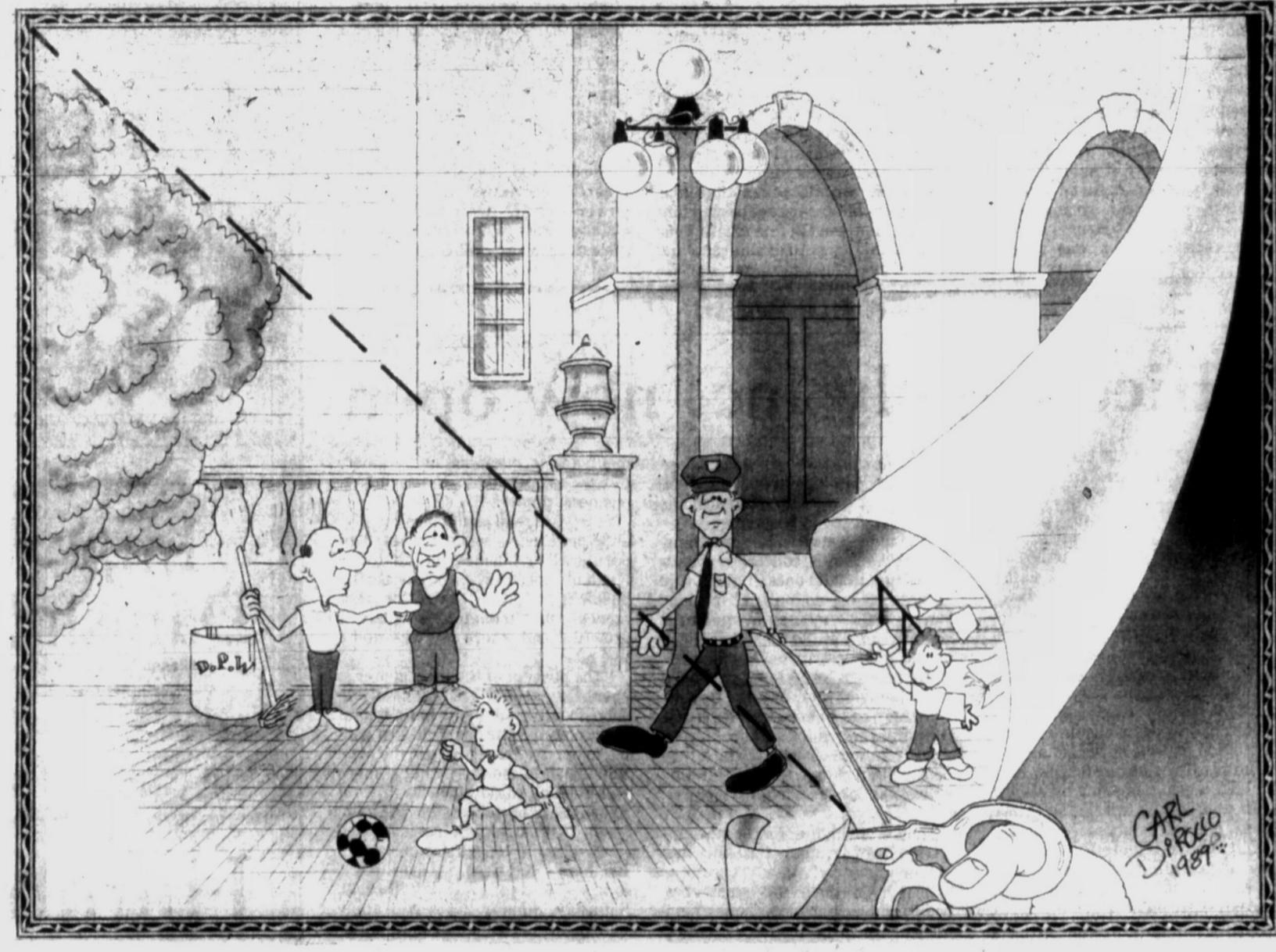
And then there was this: "Wouldn't it be cheaper to buy memberships in a golf club for McClellan Jr., Marquis, Greeley, Walsh and don't leave out Lyons?" [emphasis supplied] After all, \$23,985, the amount already spent to "map" the Great Meadows Swamp, would surely cover the membership costs."

Or: "We are upset when we are told we are not paying for 'renovating' the center of town because it is federal money. Is federal money a different color than the money we pay the I.R.S.?"

And this: "Rather than a photo to be attached to a demolition application, we'd rather see a photo of Mr. Libby. He almost never will take a call, little less return one. If your name has a certain cadence or you belong to a certain club, you can get his attention. And he says he needs [emphasis supplied] an assistant building inspector because there are lots of illegal apartments in town ... if he knows of them he can investigate them himself."

\* Remember, that number was 646-1000. Let 'em know you're watching.

## Time for more cuts



The cuts we're making in town services not only keep taxes low, they reduce the quality of life and peel away what makes Arlington

a valued community.

## GUEST COLUMNS

## Choice is yours on level of services

By DONALD R. MARQUIS

Special to The Advocate

The choice is yours: are you satisfied with the services you are receiving from your government and do you want them continued, or do you feel that additional services should be cut? Proposition 2½ has worked fairly well so far; however, we have cut as much as we can. We can no longer continue to cut budgets in police, fire, public works, libraries, human resources, and schools, and reduce maintenance of our parks and playgrounds without changing the town drastically and dramatically.

If Arlington is to remain the town that it is, we must receive additional revenues, now. Remember, this is your town and it is a nice town. To those who say they cannot afford the twelve additional dollars per month they will pay if the override is approved, I say the alternative will be worse — for if the town is forced to make further cuts in municipal services and school programs, we will not only be shortchanging our

school children and citizens, but our property values will also drop. The reason you and I decided to live in Arlington was because of the quality of services provided. Now those basic services, which have been fine-tuned and streamlined since the inception of Proposition 2½, are in jeopardy.

Why are we in the financial condition we are in? When Proposition 2½ was passed, Arlington had to reduce property taxes by 15 percent. Arlington was one of only 70 communities in the state which were required to cut their taxes by that amount. As a result, the town lost more than \$5 million dollars in revenues the first year. The accumulated tax losses in the last eight years have been approximately \$60 million. Although it is true that we received an additional \$10 million in local aid during those eight years, our net loss was still approximately \$50 million. In FY90 alone, the town's revenue losses will be approximately \$8 million or 13 percent our total budget.

To put things in proper perspective, if the federal government had to cut its budget by 13 percent, it would eliminate its entire budget deficit in one year; and if the state government had to cut its budget by 13 percent, it would have to live with less than eleven billion dollars instead of \$13 billion the governor has requested for next year. Very few would deny that neither the federal nor the state government could do the above — but that is exactly what the town of Arlington is expected to do under Proposition 2½. Because we have had to cut so much, we have reduced our employees by 25 percent in the last 10 years. In the same period of time, the state increased its employees by 25 percent. It is important to know the big spenders have been since Proposition 2½ was passed.

There is no doubt that we should be receiving more local aid. Clearly, that was the whole idea behind Proposition 2½ — both local and state governments were supposed to cut spending. Well, Arlington did, but

the state did not. While our total budget went up only 32 percent in the last eight years, the state budget doubled. Contrary to public belief, the state budget will still go up this year by at least 5 percent. If local aid were to also increase by 5 percent — remember the legislative commitment and the Governor's promise to return 40 percent of the additional growth tax revenues to the cities and towns — we would receive an additional \$800,000 in local aid; but clearly, that will not happen.

The town of Arlington must either get additional revenues from the state or from the Arlington property taxpayers. Arlingtonians should remember that their property taxes are about the same now as they were in 1980.

I urge you all to vote yes on June 10 to keep Arlington the town that it is and also to protect your investment.

(Donald R. Marquis is Arlington's Town Manager.)

## Superintendent urges support for education

By WALTER DEVINE

Special to The Advocate

Education is the vehicle that helps assure a better quality of life and enhanced opportunities for our children. When inadequate support for our schools threatens educational opportunity, we all pay the price.

Arlington has always been able to support excellent public education. We have provided countless numbers of students with skills, curiosity and creativity to live happy and productive lives. We believe quality education must be available for students in Arlington today and in the future. And we believe that Arlington's residents share our concerns and our deep sense of responsibility for maintaining such quality education.

This is why we are trying to cushion our school system from continuing decline in financial resources. Most of the reductions in pro-

grams and services that have been proposed are the direct result of a severe financial crisis that confronts the town of Arlington along with many other communities. We have done our best to limit the impact of these program reductions, and we shall try to continue to offer a sound educational program. We cannot, however, institute reductions of this magnitude — \$1.6 million — if we are serious about remaining viable and competitive as a school system.

The public schools must continue to provide students with the requisites to succeed in post-secondary schools or in the workplace. The wide variety of courses and activities offered by the Arlington Public Schools has enabled Arlington graduates to apply and gain admission to competitive colleges and universities. We may not be able to maintain our excellent record if courses are

dropped and resources are unavailable for textbooks, computers, extracurricular and co-curricular programs and athletics.

Steep declines in enrollments are now a thing of the past and indeed enrollments are increasing in the elementary schools requiring additional teachers. Moreover, we are increasing staff/student ratios in all grades in an effort to reduce costs.

After closing the Gibbs Junior High, an additional \$1 million in services still has to be cut. This will affect

science enrichment programs, music programs, extracurricular and co-curricular activities, the academically-talented program, the elementary outdoor education program, foreign languages, many secondary programs and varsity and junior varsity athletics. User fees will be necessary to maintain or restore important programs.

Town services, including the pub-

lic schools, cannot run on hope and good intentions. While fiscal restraint is the hallmark of sound management, a stable financial base is required to provide education and related services. Compared to the risks an uneducated and uninformed citizenry poses to a prosperous democratic society, the cost of education is extremely low. Prudent self-interest and a deep commitment to providing a better future for our town makes us gravely concerned about the education of all of our children.

They are, after all, the most precious legacy we have to bequeath. To protect this legacy, my colleagues and I appreciate your past support and your consideration of all the issues when you cast your ballot on June 10.

(Walter Devine is the superintendent of Arlington's public schools.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Teacher compliments

### Students' behavior

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently had the distinct pleasure of chaperoning a group of 19 Arlington High Seniors on a trip to Washington, D.C. This group represented Massachusetts in a competition involving the Constitution and The Bill of Rights. They had studied diligently for several months under the direction of Paul MacAuley, their history teacher, to reach the point in the competition, in which 44 states were represented.

It seems that we continuously hear negative comments about students

of high school age. I am writing this letter to share with the community some of my observations of this particular group.

I saw a group of young adults who were not only excellent students, but fine young ladies and gentlemen. I observed a group of students who were considerate, caring and responsible. I observed a group that was very talented, and above all a group of young people who displayed empathy for one another.

I would like to thank the students for making this such a positive experience for me. I would like to thank Paul MacAuley and Jim Toland, the other chaperones, and also the Arlington Public Schools for supporting this worthwhile endeavor. I would like to give special thanks to the parents of these fine young people.

They should be extremely proud of their children as we all are. Personally, I hope my wife and I can do as good a job bringing up our daughter as these fine parents have done.

Richard V. Surabian

English teacher, A.H.S.

### Questions Walsh's TM answers

TO THE EDITOR:

In the opinion of this observer of the Town Meeting Session of May 3, your news coverage of selectmen Vice-Chairman Walsh gave him kid-glove treatment. Concluding his remarks in opposition to the Great Meadows consultation resolution he said, "I would be just as impressed

if they had a resolution here begging the members of the town, members of the Board of Selectmen, to stop beating their wives."

As a woman, an Arlington resident, and the wife of a Town Meeting Member, I was shocked and dismayed by his gratuitous affront to a large segment of his constituency.

Mr. Walsh's wife-beating remarks was not relevant, not funny and moreover was not even pertinent to three members of his own Board. Wife-beating is an extremely serious problem and these remarks demonstrated a gross insensitivity and callousness toward a very real problem.

Without accurate coverage of such flagrantly inappropriate behaviour from high town officials, how are the

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